



TALK IT OVER

Looking Forward

BOTTOM LINE

The local church is the hope of the world.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one of your favorite things from 2022? What is something you hope and pray for in 2023?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- A video on the [Inconceivable](#) power of the church to bring light into the world.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Jesus: *"I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."*
Matthew 16:18 NIV

The men of Issachar understood the times and knew the best course for Israel to take. 1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT

Jesus: *"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:13-16 MSG

"As always has been true, the times are changing. We have to change our strategies, not our message, to work." – Dwight Mason

"NewPointe is for ANYONE, for EVERYONE, for YOU." – Dwight Mason

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What does a church look like when "the gates of hell are NOT prevailing against it"? A Christian is NOT promised he/she can prevail alone. What is the vision and mission of NewPointe Church? How has it impacted your life? How are you currently participating in the vision and mission? Explain what Jesus meant when He said for us to be salt and light in the world. The purpose of being salt and light is to pull people's attention to God and cause them to praise God. What have you been part of in 2022 that would cause people to praise God when they saw it? Our strategy is summed up in three words: EXPERIENCE, ENGAGE, and EQUIP. Discuss how this works and how it has impacted you. We are always urging people to take the next step in their relationship with God. What's your next step?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I want to live a life of positive impact and be a significant part of New Pointe's impact on our communities. I will work with God to take my next step (_____) and to pray for and work with people, specifically _____, to engage them in the incredible experience of God and NewPointe.

My Action Step: _____